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Identical letters dated 6 September 2013 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the following information:

Saudi Arabian officials have persistently been making fateful public statements on the Syrian issue. They have expressed support for the armed terrorist groups, encouraging them to continue their criminal activities. Indeed, they openly admit to arming what they call "the opposition". As one example among many, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia said in Cairo on 1 September 2013 that his country had sent weapons to the Syrian opposition, and that that was no secret. On 24 February 2012, in Tunisia, that same minister had made the fateful statement that arming the Syrian opposition was an excellent idea. The Saudi Arabian intelligence services, represented by Bandar bin Sultan, the head of Saudi Arabian intelligence, and his brother Salman bin Sultan, the Deputy Minister of Defence, have supervised a secret operations room to train mercenaries and terrorists in northern Jordan on the Syrian border. They have also provided weapons to terrorist groups on Syrian territory. As is universally known, Saudi Arabian officials have recently announced that they have sent 400 tons of weapons to their terrorist proxies in Syria.

The provision of weapons and support to armed groups in Syria is a matter of the utmost gravity. The groups that Saudi Arabia boasts of arming include highly radicalized and fanatical extremists linked to Al-Qaida-led terrorist organizations. One of them is Al-Nusrah Front, which has been added to the sanctions list maintained by the Security Council Committee concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities.

The world has not forgotten the destructive role that Saudi Arabia played in siring, developing, funding, sponsoring and disseminating terrorist, extremist and takfirist ideology, from the tragic consequences of which the world continues to suffer. On the other hand, it is more than certain that Wahhabi and terrorist Saudi Arabians have played a role in the killing of Syrians, because the Saudi Arabian leadership actually boasts about it, including in its public statements. This means that it is a State that sponsors terrorism.

These destructive actions of Saudi Arabia that are publicly acknowledged by its officials undermine all efforts aimed at arriving at a political solution to the

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situation in Syria and convening a second Geneva conference. They also violate, without question, the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law. These actions furthermore clearly violate the Security Council resolutions concerning counter-terrorism, including resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001), 1540 (2004), 1624 (2005) and 1989 (2011), as well resolutions 2042 (2012) and 2043 (2012) concerning Syria, both of which affirm the need to arrive at a Syrian-led political solution to the situation in Syria.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the Security Council to shoulder their responsibilities with a view to taking all appropriate measures to halt the terrorism of the Saudi family against Syria and other States around the world. This requires the Organization to take steps to halt these actions and violations and to hold the perpetrators accountable.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated to the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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